

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY SEOUL

TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MASS SA

SUBJ: OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE BY KOREAN WORKERS AT CORPS OF ENGINEERS

PROJECT AT JUBAIL

REF: JIDDA 2012

1. GENERAL CHANG WOO JOO, PRESIDENT, HYUNDAI INTERNATIONAL, GAVE THE ECON COUNSELOR THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT. INVOLVED IN THE LABOR DISPUTE WERE TRUCK DRIVERS TRANSPORTING STONE TO CONSTRUCTION SITE. THEY HAD ASKED FOR WAGE INCREASE WHICH THE COMPANY DENIED. THE DRIVERS RESPONDED WITH A SLOWDOWN. A MANAGER BY THE NAME OF MOON CRITICIZED ONE OF THE DRIVERS WHO THEREUPON SLUGGED HIM. MOON'S DRIVER THEN BEAT UP THE TRUCK DRIVER. MOON'S DRIVER WAS THEN BEATEN UP BY THE OTHER TRUCK DRIVERS AND THE RIOTING ENSUED.

2. CHANG REPORTS THAT THE DISPUTE HAS BEEN SETTLED AND THAT KOREAN AMBASSADOR YU HAD NEGOTIATED WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DRIVERS AND REACHED A SETTLEMENT. CHANG IS CONCERNED THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH OUTLAWS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, WILL INTERPRET THE SETTLEMENT AS A CONTRACT VIOLATION. HE THEREFORE IS LEAVING FOR SAUDI ARABIA THIS AFTERNOON. HE INDICATED HE MAY CALL AT THE EMBASSY. STERN

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